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Carol is responsible for all intellectual property matters at CAMBIA. She has had extensive scientific training and expertise in molecular biology, immunology and molecular virology resulting from nineteen years of practical research experience. As evidenced by numerous publications in international journals, her work is widely respected.

After heading a biomedical lab for five years at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle. Washington, Carol decided to pursue a career as a Patent Attorney, specializing in biotechnology law. Carol joined the respected law firm of Seed and Berry in Seattle, Washington as an associate patent attorney. At Seed and Berry, she had primary responsibility for a number of biotech clients, including CAMBIA. Her practice included client counselling and education, patent drafting and prosecution, technology assessments, providing freedom-to-operate options, and non-intringement opinions. Carol's focus in intellectual property matters is to capitalize on IP as part of an overall business strategy.

New opportunities in biotech patent law became available at CAMBIA, and Carol was lured away from private law practice. Since arriving at CAMBIA, she has branched into policy issues surrounding intellectual property. In this regard, the Minister for the Department of Industry, Science and Resources appointed Carol to the Australian Biotechnology Task Force. In addition, she is co-supervisor with Richard Jefferson of a grant from The Rockefeller Foundation to develop a unique informatics-driven intellectual property resource for professionals in developing countries, CGIAR institutes, and UN specialized agencies in international agricultural biotechnology.

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